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GLENDALE'S FESTIVAL OF CHOCOLATE AND ROMANCE WILL BE AN AFFAIRE TO REMEMBER

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Historic Downtown Glendale will be a chocolate lover's paradise Feb. 2-4, as the 12th annual *Glendale Chocolate Affaire*, presented by SRP, celebrates with music, romance and that sinfully delicious confection.

Event hours are Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Chocoholics will delight in the three dozen chocolate purveyors, discovering everything from chocolate-covered cheesecake to chocolate pizzas to chocolate-covered potato chips. The *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* is sponsored by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta's. The candy factory will offer tours all weekend as part of the festivities. Also, Cerreta's is donating the state's largest chocolate Valentine heart, which will be raffled to support the Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission.

So, what goes better with chocolate than romance? The festival has become the largest gathering of national romance novelists in the Southwest. This symposium of literary romantics offers fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with authors, as well as the chance to attend free writing workshops given by the experts.

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Families with children will enjoy make-your-own valentine cards, face-painting and a rock-climbing wall. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available throughout the weekend to take couples or families on a scenic ride through historic Catlin Court District.

The *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* was recently listed in the Top 100 Events in North America by the Washington Post, the Seattle Times and the American Bus Association. The event also was bestowed with the 2003 Governor's Tourism Award for the Best Special Event in Arizona.

The musical entertainment lineup includes: (please note that times and performers are subject to change)

Friday, Feb. 2

Groove, Inc. (Variety)	5 - 10 p.m.
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Saturday, Feb. 3

Beggars Clothes (Jazz)	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Chris Putrino (Top 40)	1:30 - 5 p.m.
Double Plus Good (Variety Current)	6 - 10 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5

Black Velvet Band (Irish Music)	Noon - 2:30 p.m.
The Dyno Glides (Rock a Billy)	3 - 5 p.m.

The event is presented by SRP, and additional sponsors include Cerreta's Candy Company, Cibola Vista Resorts, Yoo Hoo, KTVK Channel 3, KMLE, KOOL, FREE FM, Arizona Republic, Budweiser, the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, Qwest and Kokopelli Wines.

For more information on the event, visit our Web site at www.glendaleaz.com/events or call our special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

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